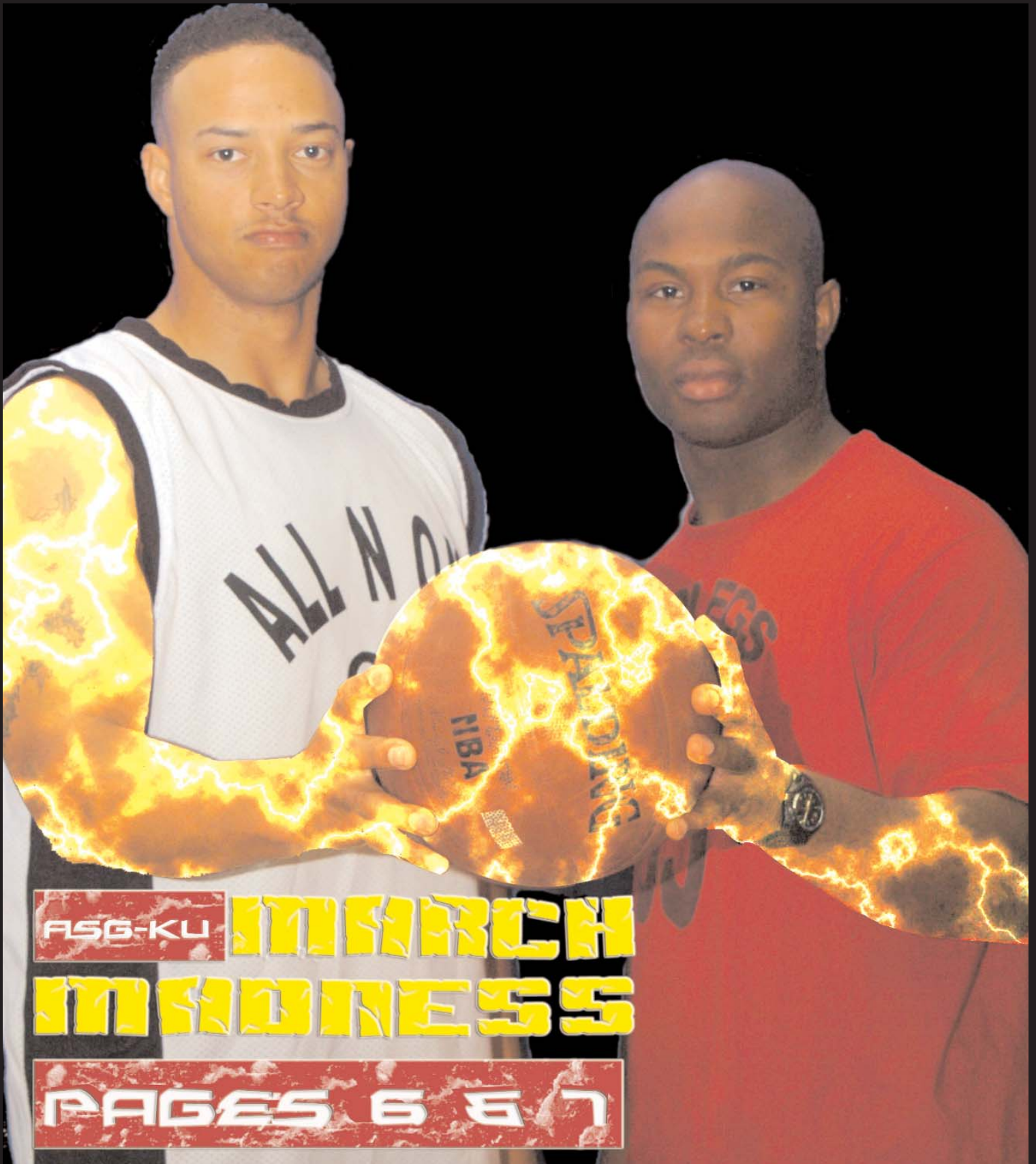


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Rico Hargraves (left) and Tarrod Jackson (right) square off in the ASG-Kuwait Basketball Tournament.



Warrior mentality needed in Soldiers

Lt. Gen. R. Steven Whitcomb

Third U.S. Army/ARCENT/CFLCC
Commanding General

The armed forces of the United States exist to fight and win the nation's wars. We are at war, and we are in it for the duration.

We always need effective equipment, weapons and personnel. But just as vital is our real "secret weapon", our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Coasties and "Soldiers -in-Slacks", our civilians. Those men and women embody the intangible factors of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage - the "Warrior Ethos". We cannot fight without troops and equipment, but more importantly without the Warrior Ethos, we can not win.

While the "Warrior Ethos" is an Army term, each of our sister services have similar creeds. Soldiers must have a warrior mentality. We are not just tankers, engineers, pilots, communicators, supply sergeants, administrative clerks or print journalists. We are all warriors - Soldiers, first and foremost. We are changing the mindset of our force away from purely what we do as a skill in the Army and focusing on what we do as professionals in order to contribute to the fight as a warrior.

I will always place the mission first.
I will never accept defeat.
I will never quit.
I will never leave a fallen comrade.

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Warrior Ethos

The Warrior Ethos helps us remain focused as the world continues to change, and our enemy remains just as unpredictable. Uncertainty will be the norm. Therefore, it is extremely important that you know and embrace the true meaning of the Warrior Ethos.

I will always place the mission first. This relates to combat as well as to everyday life. We each must have goals, and pursue them purposefully. If we don't have a purpose, we will never accomplish our professional or personal objectives. When we take on a mission, we take responsibility ahead of everything else before us. We are the Army, and we are trained to fight. That is our mission today.

I will never accept defeat, I will never quit. We are relentless. We don't quit on the battlefield, and we don't quit in our career, our relationships, or our dreams. This is critical to our mindset in the long war. We have to stay focused and alert in spite of hardship or tedious duty. Don't let your guard down, ever.

I will never leave a fallen comrade. This is about taking care of one another. We have a fundamental and moral obligation as Soldiers to take care of our own. It is about loyalty to a fellow Soldier, to your unit, to the Army, to your friends and your families and spouses. You are someone that everyone can rely on. The well-being of your comrades is your responsibility and you can count on them to look after you.

Warfare is a human endeavor; a test of

your mind, body and spirit; it is up close and personal everyday. As we look our troops and each other in the eye, we must know without a doubt that we are ready to deploy, engage our enemies and accomplish the mission.



Lt. Gen.
R. Steven Whitcomb

Soldiers and Leaders use Army Values, Soldiers Creed, NCO Creed and Warrior Ethos to affirm all the qualities of a great Soldier. It spills over into every aspect of our lives, Soldiering, spouse, parenting, friend and citizen. They all build on one another. I want everyone to focus on the big picture and get a holistic view of the lifestyle of a Warrior.

Leaders, each of us play a crucial role in developing our troops. By the disciplined execution of standards, we are living our values and creeds - the Warrior Ethos - to secure the future of our service and our Nation. We are all part of one team and that is the team made up of men and women fighting to defend our country's freedoms and liberties. - PATTON'S OWN.





Photos by Sgt. Alex Licea

Staff Sgt. Douglas Ritchie hugs his two children, Michael and Laura, during a farewell ceremony for Soldiers of the 164th Terminal Supervision Team March 15. Ritchie is one of eight Soldiers assigned to the unit who are deploying for a year to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

164th TST waved off during ceremony

Sgt. Alex Licea

Third U.S. Army PAO

FORT MCPHERSON, Ga. - Eight Soldiers assigned to the 164th Terminal Supervision Team received warm wishes and said hard good-byes during a farewell ceremony here March 15.

The Soldiers are deploying to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom for the next 12 months.

The 164th, a subordinate unit of Third U.S. Army, is responsible for the movement, loading and unloading of cargo, equipment and personnel at airports, seaports, rail heads and military line stations.

The team chief for this deployment, Maj. Cedric Williams, spoke to his team a couple of days prior to their movement about the mission at hand.

"We must focus and not lose sight on the

mission and we must ensure we look out for one another," he said.

He added, "We are going to a hostile environment and it's very important we take care of one another."

Family members and fellow Soldiers sent them off with a heartfelt good-bye wishing them luck and success.

Staff Sgt. Chris Rowe, 164th container management noncommissioned officer, said being away from his family would be the most difficult aspect about this deployment.

"Not seeing my wife and children will be the hardest part," said the father of two.

Kim Rowe, who is five months pregnant with their third child, is due this summer. He said he is going to miss them dearly.

Kim said, "I'm going to be busy (being a single parent), but I know it will be alright, and he will be back to see our baby girl being born."



Dozens of duffel bags owned by 64th Terminal Supervision Team Soldiers are loaded in a pickup truck March 15.

Building a stronger bond

343rd Med. Co. trains with Kuwait soldiers

Staff Sgt. Rodney Jackson
CFLCC PAO

In the chill fresh air of the quiet classroom, the lights dim for the slide projector and Kuwait National Guardsmen sit listening attentively as the instructors' voices - followed closely by the interpreters - echo throughout the room.

Soldiers from the 343rd Medical Company Ground Ambulance Unit from Richmond, Va., taught Kuwaiti soldiers advanced medical skills to increase battlefield survivability during the Tactical Combat Casualty Care Course.

The Feb. 18 - 21 class was the fourth of 12 courses that will continue through September.

"By September we will have trained more than 100 Kuwaiti medical soldiers," said Staff Sgt. David M. Crowley, 343rd Med. Co. training noncommissioned officer.

The Kuwaiti soldiers are very excited about the training and want it," said Capt. Miguel A. Marcos, 343rd Med. Co. commander.

The TC-3 course covers the core basics of combat medic and combat lifesavers courses taught to U.S. Soldiers.

Progressing through the visual learning, hands on and walk/run phases is a very effective way to teach this type of class, he said.

Kuwaiti soldiers have never had a training program like TC-3, Marcos said. They've had very minimal combat medical training.

Most of their medical training is based on civilian medicine, said Sgt. Leonardo J. Mijares, 343rd Med. Co. assistant training NCO. From viewing the U.S. military's past experiences, the Kuwaiti leaders feel that combat medical training is needed.

"The way our training is structured makes them think out of the box," Mijares said.

The training consists of needle

chest decompression to help Soldiers having trouble breathing, application of tourniquets, intra-veinous and advanced airway techniques, Crowley said.

Although the Kuwaiti soldiers can't currently use tourniquets or IVs - like U.S. Soldiers in the past - the goal of teaching these techniques is to give them a greater awareness of this advanced medical training, Crowley said.

Classroom lectures, practical hands-on skill stations and lane training (care under fire, tactical field care, and casualty evacuation) are the three phases that make up the course.

The lane training makes the course more effective, Marcos said. This is a very realistic course that teaches soldiers how to care for the wounded.

The Kuwaiti soldiers react to computer generated sound effects of combat during lane training, while carrying combat equipment and working with manikins that have a mixture of injuries.

The direct interaction with the soldiers, on a personal and professional level, helps remove barriers, Crowley said.

This course helps change the U.S. and Kuwaiti perceptions of each others' culture and language, Marcos said.

"Sometimes their perceptions of U.S. soldiers is based on what they see in the movies," Crowley said.

The course also helps break down cultural barriers and creates greater interaction between the U.S. and the Kuwaiti forces, he said.

If a half hour is needed to discuss something different from the training, the time is taken, he added.

The leaders are invited to a graduation on the fourth day. The Kuwait soldiers are issued certificates and congratulated.

Hopefully this helps instill a sense of accomplishment in the



Photos by Sgt. Leonardo J. Mijares

Kuwaiti soldiers practice treating a patient during a Combat Casualty Care Course being taught to them by the 343rd Medical Company Ground Ambulance Unit.



A Kuwaiti Soldier pulls security as two other Soldiers treat a casualty.

Kuwaiti soldiers, Crowley said.

A Kuwaiti commander at one of the graduation ceremonies said

he hopes one day to have their medics as well trained as U.S. Soldiers.

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There weren't too many cheers for Camp Victory during the ASG-Kuwait Basketball Tournament.

Spc. Michael R. Noggle

CFLCC PAO/11th PAD

"The key is not the 'will to win' ... everybody has that. It is the will to prepare to win that is important."

-Bobby Knight, Texas Tech basketball coach

It was a tournament unlike any other, unit-level teams from around the country, winning their respective camp tournaments to have a shot to cut down the basketball nets at Camp Arifjan for this year's Area Support Group-Kuwait Basketball Tournament March 11-12.

"It makes you feel like you're back in your high school playing days," said Tarrod Jackson, Camp Buehring small forward. "We don't get to play that much but when events like this come up, everyone gets excited."

"It's an exciting thing," said Rico Hargraves, Kuwait Naval Base power forward. "You get anxious just thinking about playing."

Though it didn't get all the March Madness hype that comes with the annual NCAA Men's College Basketball tournament, teams would have disagreed that there was nothing at stake.

"To represent Camp Arifjan or any team, there's a lot of pride involved," said Everett Harris, Arifjan point guard. "Being here, we are trying to uphold that."

Five teams, Camps Arifjan, Buehring, Victory and Virginia, along with KNB, took part in the two-day tournament. Playing a minimum of four games, each team competed amongst one another while the top two teams would square off in the championship game.

"These teams are for real," Jackson said. "Being here is a more realistic atmosphere with a gym, good

officials and good competition."

"This is similar to March Madness.... it has that feel," Harris said. "Every time you bring the ball up the floor, every shot counts."

While every team was representing their camps, they were also playing for their units. Unlike most ASG-Kuwait sporting events, where the best players from the camps play, teams featured in this tournament have been playing together since their camp's regular season.

"During the regular season we build a lot of chemistry and unit cohesion," Harris said. "That's where we gelled at. An all-star team is different where you have to put the pieces together to fit. We fit like a good glove."

"The most disciplined team wins," Jackson said. "We don't have the best talent here, but we play together and that's how we win."

Heading into the tournament everyone would have agreed that Arifjan was the powerhouse of the pack, with indoor practice facilities, longer regular season and the best talent east of Europe.

"The most competitive team was Arifjan," Hargraves said. "They are deep with talent."

However, having to play three games on the final day, the wear and tear on the veteran Arifjan team left the door open for teams KNB and Buehring to compete for this year's title.

Harris said, "We're an older team, but we remained tough and hung in there with the younger guys."

In the end, it was a cocky, young KNB team taking the championship, having gone undefeated throughout



It was a cinderella effort for Camp Buehring to



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to advance to the championship.



Camp Victory's Dion Edward, small forward, goes for the dunk during a game against Camp Virginia.

two day tournament and dethroning the champs. It was a thrill for the entire team and KNB to be a competitive team," Hargraves said. "It's what champions are about."



KNB's Antonio Randolph, guard, stops a Camp Virginia player in his tracks. With a combination of Airmen, Sailors and Soldiers, KNB stormed their way through the tournament to become were this year's champions.



Spc. Robert Adams

Col. Keisuke Kawae, Japan Embassy defense attaché, shows Col. Carlos Trejo, Humanitarian Operations Center director, one of six boxes of U.S. medical supplies they flew to Kuwait from Japan March 9. The supplies will be distributed to areas of need in Iraq.

Japan flies in U.S. medical supplies

U.S., Coalition Forces work together to bring humanitarian aid to Iraqis

Spc. Robert Adams

Assistant Editor

Though you might not see it everyday in the media, humanitarian and reconstruction efforts in Iraq have been an ongoing mission for U.S. and Coalition Forces since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime in April 2003.

More proof that the world is working together to rebuild Iraq came when Japanese Forces flew in U.S. medical supplies from Japan to Kuwait March 9.

"This is the first time the Japanese have done a lift of U.S. medical supplies into theater," said Col. Carlos Trejo, Humanitarian Operations Center director.

Getting medical aid into Iraq is one of the biggest needs and the Japanese have helped make that possible, Trejo said.

Now in the hands of the HOC, the six large boxes packed with bandages, gloves, gowns and other disposable medical items will be transported to Iraq to be dispersed to medical facilities.

To make this project successful, there were many organizations working together,

Trejo said.

Coordination between the Defense Reutilization Marketing Office yards in Kuwait and Japan, U.S. Defense Logistics Agency, Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Kuwait support made this happen, Trejo added.

The HOC – Coalition, comprised of U.S. and Kuwaiti military officials, has been working together with Japan on Iraqi humanitarian aid projects since October 2005.

Col. Keisuke Kawae, Japan Embassy defense attaché, said he really appreciated HOC's help.

He added that their support and coordination made the mission successful.

A non-combat Coalition Force country in Iraq, Japan's primary mission is to provide humanitarian aid. They are helping rebuild Iraq's power infrastructure and are refurbishing three hospitals, in addition to working alongside other countries on reconstruction projects.

The Japanese delegation has also coordinated medical patients and out-of-country surgeries as well as moved medical supplies

into Iraq.

"Japan's endeavor is to send goodwill to the Iraqi people," Kawae said. "I am very happy our mission was completed successfully."

The HOC – Coalition also facilitates the movement of humanitarian aid shipments through Kuwaiti customs for Coalition Forces countries like Japan.

"This can be a lengthy process," Trejo said.

He added, "Since it is humanitarian aid, the Kuwait government cuts the process time down."

The HOC – Coalition hopes this will open the door to other opportunities, said Lt. Col. Erik Price, HOC - Coalition operations officer.

"We are already looking ahead to see when their next flight is coming over because there are more medical supplies in Japan waiting to be shipped," Trejo said.

The supplies will be stored at Camp Arifjan awaiting direction from Multi-National Corps Iraq for shipment to areas of greatest need.

C-IED conference aims to improve training

SpC. Debralee P. Crankshaw

CFLCC PAO/11th PAD

The first coalition counter-improvised explosive device conference was held at Camp Buehring and Udairi Range March 9 – 11.

The conference was held to improve C-IED training throughout the services and Coalition. Approximately 120 servicemembers and Coalition partners from Kuwait, Iraq, and Australia attended the training. The conference will continue to be held semi-annually.

The participants viewed exercises and training aids at the range, had a panel discussion with Soldiers and Marines from Walter Reed injured in IED attacks and discussed various tactics, techniques and procedures.

“The goal of the conference is to understand the IED – it’s the most outstanding threat,” said Lt. Col. Chris Ballard, Coalition Forces Land Component Command operations chief of training. “We need to understand the gaps in training. Pre-deployment training is never the same, but we’re trying to make it as current as possible.”

Many participants said the conference was beneficial and will use some of the ideas and techniques in their training.

Three IED training lanes will be added to the convoy live-fire range and the box at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La., according to Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice, Fort Polk command sergeant major.

The Marines with the Electronic Warfare Coordination cell will integrate the confer-

ence into training to help electronic warfare officers in their knowledge of IED enablers, according to Marine Col. Greg Jackson, Multinational Corps – Iraq, EWCC chief.

“Our goal is to make the Army aware of the counter IED training in the theater,” said Lt. Col. James Schultz, Center for Army Lessons Learned. “We need to share the lessons of IED attacks quickly so they have impact.”

Participants said this conference is an important asset to keep servicemembers up to date and reduce their risk of IED attacks.

“The main thing to understand is, all Soldiers need to adapt their mission and standards,” Ballard said. “They should always keep an open mind and be ready to adapt.”

“Having this conference is beneficial to all of us,” Rice added. “The more energy we put behind this the faster we find solutions and keep Soldiers safe.... Our mission at JRTC is to ready deploying troops for Iraq and Afghanistan. If we don’t have the latest and greatest we cannot do that.”

Kuwait was chosen for the conference because of its location in the theater.

“Kuwait is the bridge between training and



Photos by SpC. Debralee P. Crankshaw

Servicemembers view counter-IED training at Udairi Range as part of the C-IED conference March 9 - 11.



Select members of the conference attended a panel discussion lunch with Soldiers and Marines injured in IED attacks.

theater,” Ballard said. “Because of the proximity to the theater, the training environment and mindset is different ... Soldiers don’t seem to put on their game-face until they get here.”



Maintain the force

Sgt. Kara Greene

Capt. Buddy Fitzgerald, 115th Area Support Group, reacts to civilians approaching a stopped convoy during the convoy live-fire exercise at Udairi Range. Soldiers prepare to deploy to Iraq in phases in support of an equipment retrograde mission. Their goal is to expedite the return of serviceable property to the Army supply inventory.



Spc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

A lot of Soldiers on Camp Arifjan live in PCBs in Zone 6. In the future, Col. Brick Miller hopes to have a dish TV service.

Quality of life steadily improving

Major changes for camps, troops on horizon

Col. Brick Miller
ASG-Kuwait Commander

Soldier's protection is our number one priority at Camp Arifjan. Force Protection is and remains Zone 6's top priority. As a result, we have begun a major project to improve our barrier protection to the pre-cast barracks and life support area. Soon access to these areas via nontactical vehicles and tactical vehicles will be shut off. Access will be granted only to emergency and service vehicles unless an exception is granted for a legitimate need such as delivery of water to a PCB.

Recently we completed projects that have improved our water and sewage infrastructure.

Electrical power remains our highest risk utility area as we approach the summer heat season. We are hard at work with the Department of Public Works and contracting to address this need with additional generators and the high voltage grid project.

We also continue to work our quality of life enhancements hard, such as the wireless internet subscription service coming on line, our softball backstop, and a future dish TV service to the PCBs. Zone 6 is getting just a little bit better each and every day!

Camp Victory continues to plan to close this summer after being open for four years.

We continue to stay ahead of schedule with the decommissioning of Victory while providing continual life support service to the Marines.

During February, the following events were conducted: Groundhog Day 5-K race, Black History Month Trivia, Bo Jackson Tour, 4 on 4 Volleyball Tournament, Texas Hold'em Tournament, Valentine's Day race, bazaars, Kuwait City Tour to Al Kout Mall and Black History Month poetry and rap Contest.

During March, we met with the 35th Kuwaiti Brigade and presented the American flag and Kuwait flag flown at half staff in honor of the death of the Emir of Kuwait.

We continued with more events for our Marine customers and permanent party units. Some of the events scheduled are: Kuwait City Scientific Center and Kuwait Towers tours, Bingo, Comedy Tour, 1,000-pound Club Contest, Saint Patrick's Day 5-K race, Classic Rock & Country dance, Hip Hop & R&B dance, bazaars and a Ping Pong Tournament.

In closing, we continue to provide the best quality of life for our Marines and permanent party units while ensuring their safety and force protection.

The LSA continues to develop with numerous installation enhancements and improvements to the quality of life for all

assigned and transient personnel. The new horse-shoe pits provide yet another activity to enjoy here. The opening of the United Services Organization is just around the corner as the Seabees have finished the interior of the facility and the set up by the USO staff is almost complete. An expansion of the internet café is planned and will provide 20 more computer terminals to meet the needs of the transient population.

The rebuilt recreation center is open 24 hours a day and features movies, phone access, free internet terminals and numerous board, video and table games. Live entertainment to the camp has been provided by The Fuzz Band and Crash Dance. The basketball court contract has been awarded and sunshades and a beauty shop will be welcome additions to our south Army Air Force Exchange Services area. Life on the LSA gets better every day.



Col. Brick Miller

Community

happenings for March 22 through March 29

All Al Salem

For information call 442-2005

Arifjan

Wednesday

March Madness basketball tournament, through Sunday, Zone 1 Fitness Center
Bingo Night, 7 p.m., Zone 6 Community Center

Thursday

House of Cards building, 7 p.m., Zone 6 Community Center

Ballroom dance class, 8 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Kickboxing Extreme, 6 p.m., Zone 6 Fitness Center

Friday

Hack and Slash show, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage

Saturday

Pingpong tournament, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Monday

Ballpark Dinner and a baseball movie, 7 p.m., Zone 6 Community Center
Karaoke Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Tuesday

Bingo Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Ballroom dance class, 8 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

Kickboxing Extreme, 6 p.m., Zone 6 Fitness Center

Operation Hardwood team tryouts, 7 p.m., through March 31, Zone 1 Fitness Center

For more information call

430-1205/1302

Buehring

Wednesday

Weekly fun run, 5k, 5:30 p.m., Green Beans

NCAA Football '05 tournament, 7 p.m., Palms

Thursday

Pingpong tournament, 7 p.m., Recreation Center

Hack and Slash show, 7 p.m., MWR stage

Friday

Gong Show, 8 p.m., MWR stage

Saturday

Bazaar

Fashion Show, 8 p.m., MWR stage

Sunday

Bazaar

RC Monster truck races, 6 p.m., Udayri

Speedway

Monday

Phase 10 tournament, 7 p.m., Oasis

Tuesday

Dominoes tournament, 7 p.m., Palms

Wednesday

Weekly fun run, 10k, 5:30 p.m., Green Beans

For more information call

828-1340

Kuwait Naval Base

Wednesday

Step Class, 6 p.m., Aerobics Room

Dominoes tournament, 7 p.m., Recreation Center

Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Aerobics Room

Thursday

Latin Dance Night, 7 p.m., Aerobics Room

Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Aerobics Room

Friday

Spin Class, 6 p.m., Aerobics Room

Bingo Night, 7 p.m., MWR stage

Saturday

Pingpong tournament, 10 a.m., Recreation Center

Tae Kwon Do, 6 p.m., Aerobics Room

Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Aerobics Room

Sunday

Spring Fling 5-k, 1 p.m., West ECP

Beach Party Blow-out, 2 p.m., beach

Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Aerobics Room

Monday

Spin Class, 6 p.m., Aerobics Room

Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Aerobics Room

Tuesday

Latin Dance Night, 7 p.m., Aerobics Room

Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Aerobics Room

Wednesday

Step Class, 6 p.m., Aerobics Room

Jumbo Jenga tournament, 7 p.m., Recreation Center

Hip-Hop Night, 9 p.m., Aerobics Room

For more information call

839-1063

LSA

For information call 859-1060

Navistar

Wednesday

Sorry, 8 a.m., MWR tent, through Friday

Farkle, 8 a.m., MWR tent, through Friday

NBA Live 06, 8 a.m., through Friday

Monday

Pingpong, 8 a.m., MWR tent, through March 31

Pinochle, 8 a.m., MWR tent, through March 31

Tekken Tag, 8 a.m., through March 31

For more information call

844-1137

Spearhead/SPOD

For information call 825-1302

Victory

Wednesday

Spa Day, 9 a.m., MWR dayroom

Bingo, 6 p.m., MWR dayroom

Thursday

Horseshoe tournament, 3:30 p.m., MWR courts

Classic Rock and Country Night, 7 p.m., MFT

Friday

Bazaar, 9 a.m., MFT

Texas Hold 'em tournament, 6 p.m., MWR dayroom

Sunday

New Movie marathon, 11 a.m., MFT

Monday

Spa Day, 9 a.m., MWR dayroom

1000 pound club contest, 3:30 p.m., gym

Tuesday

Spa Day, 9 a.m., MWR dayroom

Wednesday

Spa Day, 9 a.m., MWR dayroom

For more information call

823-1033

Virginia

Wednesday

Poker Night, 7 p.m., Community Center

Thursday

Softball, 10 vs. 10, 5 p.m., Softball field

Friday

Softball, 10 vs. 10, 5 p.m., Softball field

Saturday

Bazaar, 10 a.m., Dusty Room

Monday

Volleyball, 6 vs. 6, 6 p.m., Volleyball courts

Tuesday

Bingo, 7 p.m., Dusty Room

Wednesday

Basketball, 5 vs. 5, 6 p.m., Basketball court

For more information call

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WASHINGTON (Army News Service, March 30, 2005) -- The White House announced March 29 that President George W. Bush will honor Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith by presenting his family the Médal of Honor on April 4, the second anniversary of his courageous actions during the Battle of Baghdad Airport.

Smith is the first to receive the military's highest award for actions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In action near the Baghdad Airport on April 4, 2003, Smith, a Soldier in Company B, 11th Engineer Battalion, working with units of the 3rd Infantry Division, was tasked to build a compound to hold enemy prisoners, when his small force came under attack by more than 100 enemies.

Smith threw two grenades and fired rocket launchers at the enemy before manning a 50-caliber machine gun on an M-3 Armored Personnel Carrier to protect his troops. While engaging an enemy attacking from three sides, Smith fired more than 300 rounds from the machinegun before being killed.

He prevented the enemy from overtaking his unit's position, protected his Task Force's flank, and defended the lives of more than 100 Soldiers, according to his award citation.

Smith was serving as a platoon sergeant in Bravo Company, 11th Engineer Battalion, Task Force 2-7, 3rd Infantry Division. He had been serving in the Army since October 1989.

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hon·or (ŏn'ər) *n.* 1. high respect, as that shown for special merit; esteem; 2. good name; reputation; 3. glory or recognition; distinction; 4. a mark, token, or gesture of respect or distinction; 5. the dignity accorded to position; 6. A code of integrity, dignity, and pride; *tr.v.* **hon·ored, hon·or·ing, hon·ors** 1. to hold in respect; esteem; 2. to show respect for.